

REMARKS

Enclosed herewith is a Substitute Specification in which the specification as filed has been amended in various places to correct typographical and grammatical errors, and also to add section headings.

In addition, the specification as filed has been amended in page 1 to cite U.S. Patents 5,740,149 and 5,761,179 corresponding to the cited EP0737962, on page 8 to cite U.S. Patent 5,793,737 corresponding to the cited WO98/25266, and on page 14 to cite U.S. Patents 5,418,764 and 5,654,947 corresponding to the cited EP0397238. Enclosed herewith is form PTO-1449 listing these U.S. patents.

In support of the above, enclosed herewith is a copy of the specification as filed marked up with the above changes.

The undersigned attorney asserts that no new matter has been incorporated into the Substitute Specification.

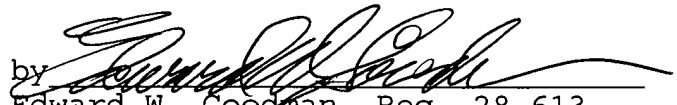
The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention as disclosed in the written description. In particular, claims 1 and 12 have been cancelled. In addition, claim 2 has been made a proper independent claim and includes the limitations of cancelled claim 1; claim 4 has been made a proper independent claim and includes the limitations of cancelled claim 1 and claim 3; and claim 13 has been made a proper independent claim and includes the limitations of cancelled claim 12. Furthermore, claim 3 has been

made dependent on claim 2. Finally, the claims have been amended for clarity.

In view of the allowability of claims 2, 4-11 and 13-23, Applicants believe that the above changes answer the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejection of claims 1, 3 and 12.

Applicants believe that this application, containing claims 2, 4-11 and 13-23, is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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